

Ann and Martha the petitioners aforesaid by their said petition hath alleged <sup>my</sup> Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Negro Hannab and her Children Elijah, Ann and Martha take nothing by their petition aforesaid, but for their false Complaint against the said Abner Sparkes be in Mercy and so forth and the said Abner Sparkes go thereof without day pro.

Memorandum: Before the Jurors aforesaid withdrawn from the bar of the Court here, the said Negro Hannab and her Children Elijah, Ann and Martha by their Attorney aforesaid, files in Court here the following

Bill of Exception to wit -

Negro Hannab and others } Petition for <sup>my</sup> Freedom

Abner Sparkes

At the trial of this Cause

the petitioners for the purpose of supporting the issue joined on their part produced and read in Evidence to the Jury the will of a certain Charles Barnicles which is as follows viz<sup>d</sup>

In the name of God Amen, I Charles Barnicles of Queen Anne's County and State of Maryland being weak of body but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do therefore make and publish this my last